

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 1-87 (sheets 1-289) with submitted Replacement Figures 1-87 (sheets 1-289), without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits.

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action is being submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 23, 2006. Claims 1-14, 16-20, 22-28, 30, and 32-35 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-14, 16-20, 23-28, 30, and 32-35 are allowed.

The Drawings are objected to because some of the Figures are not completely readable. In response to this objection, Replacement Figures 1-87 (sheets 1-289) are submitted herewith. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn and that the Application be allowed in its entirety.

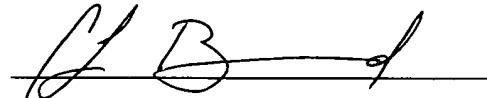
Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite because it is dependent upon canceled Claim 21. In response to this rejection, Claim 22 is now canceled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and that the Application be allowed in its entirety.

CONCLUSION

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the present Application. Should Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact undersigned Counsel at the telephone number, facsimile number, address, or email address provided below. It is not believed that any fees for additional claims, extensions of time, or the like are required beyond those that may otherwise be indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, Examiner is encouraged to notify undersigned Counsel at Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C L Bernard', is written over a horizontal line.

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